GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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OFFER OF SOPHISTICATED AIRCRAFT FOR TRAINING BY RUSSIA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Russia has offered to give its most sophisticated MIG-80 aircraft so as to impart training to the Indian pilots;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government of India thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): The Indian Air Force has evaluated MIG-AT but this has not met some of the essential parameters laid down by Indian Air Force for the AJT.